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1 AN ACT Relating to preventing the use of law enforcement profiling
2 on the basis of whether a person is riding a motorcycle or wearing
3 motorcycle-related paraphernalia; and adding a new section to chapter
4 43.101 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) Local law enforcement agencies shall:

9 (a) Adopt a written policy designed to condemn and prevent
10 motorcycle profiling;

11 (b) Review and audit their existing procedures, practices, and
12 training to ensure that they do not enable or foster the practice of
13 motorcycle profiling;

14 (c) Institute training to address the issues related to motorcycle
15 profiling. Officers should be trained in how to better interact with
16 persons they stop so that legitimate police actions are not
17 misperceived as motorcycle profiling; and

18 (d) Work with the motorcycle groups in their communities to
19 appropriately address the issue of motorcycle profiling.

1 (2) The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs shall
2 coordinate with the criminal justice training commission to ensure that
3 issues related to motorcycle profiling are addressed in basic law
4 enforcement training and offered in regional training for in-service
5 law enforcement officers at all levels.

6 (3) For purposes of this section, "motorcycle profiling" means
7 using the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears
8 motorcycle-related paraphernalia as a factor in deciding to stop and
9 question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or
10 vehicle with or without legal basis under the United States
11 Constitution or the Washington state Constitution.

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